

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-17 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Drawing Amendments

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that drawing corrections may no longer be held in abeyance, and required submission of corrected drawings.

Applicants have submitted herewith a communication providing Proposed Drawing Changes, a set of formal drawings, and a marked-up version of the original drawings with amendments marked in red.

Revised Figure Labeling Scheme and Correction of Miscellaneous Informalities

The drawings and specification have been amended to employ a new scheme for labeling the drawing figures. Various informalities have also been corrected. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Examiner approval is requested.

At page 17. The specification should have stated "Figure 1C-1" (now amended to be Figure 5) instead of "Figure 1B-2." The specification has been amended accordingly to refer to Figure 5.

Figure 6 (now amended to be Figure 57) previously lacked a lead line from reference number 600. The figure has been amended to add the missing lead line.

Figure 8 (now amended to be Figure 59) previously used reference number 800 three times while reference numbers 802 and 804 are missing from the drawings. The figure has been amended to change two instances of "800" to -802- and -804-.

*Drawing Amendments - Reviewed, OK RWP 4/14/06
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